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MRS. M'GINTY'S CREST.

Two Bars Argent on a Sable Shield-One Down Town, the Other Up Town. Two years ago Margaret McGinty, matron, washed her children and entered society. McGinty, pere, continued to watch the till in

his two palatial barrooms and, scorning society, sought only such honors as lie in American politics and the profits, such as evading the license law and distributing patronage, that lie in "inflocence." Mrs. McGinty, however, went to Europe, put Maggie and Mary in a "pinsion" at Paris, and did Switzerland and the bogs of her ancestors with unabating enthusiasm and industrious impartiality. She came back recently, the young ladies having been polished till they shone, and settled down in her new mansion, near the big cathedral. The first stumbling block that afflicted her in her conquest of New York was note paper, and for note paper she started last week.

In looking over Tiffany's sample book she struck a beautiful green crest, with birds and things. It delighted her. "I'll take that wan," she said, with indifferent majesty. From her manner she appeared to have bought thousands of crests in

"But a--really, madam," said the clerk, "that is Mrs. Van Spankerboom's. It's her own, you know." "Au' fare did she git it?" said the lady,

indignantly. It appeared that it might have been stolen from her. "She a-they look them up in books, you know. Everybody has a crest, you know-

somewhere. "Av coorse I know," said Mrs. McGinty, contemptuously. But all the same, as she sailed out of the doorway like an Irish galleon freighted with gold and precious stones, she was angry and mortified. Everybody had one. Where was herst By luck she went into Brentano's, and in Brentano's

she found it. On the showcase was an artistic design for framing, consisting of a shield with bars, arabesques, a helmet, a coronet and four zoological nightmares with red tongues. Mrs. McGinty gazed at it hungrily. She controlled

her feelings, however. "What's the proice av that thing there?" she said, with an airy smile.

"It's not for sale, madam." "Gorra, I thart shtores was fur sellin'," she said, with faint but amiable sarcasm. "We could make a copy of it for you,

madam." "For how much?"

"Twenty-five dollars." "It's not the money I'd moind, but it's goin' away we are. Faith, it's a purty picter now to have in the frint parlor. Why don't ye

sell me that an' paint ancother wan?" "I don't know," said the clerk doubtfully. "Here, wrap it up. An' ye nadent moind the change," she said, pushing three ten dollar bills at him. And she got it. She went back to Tiffany's on the wind. She went straight to the clerk and handed it to him.

He bowed and unwrapped it. He was a little puzzled, for it seemed somewhat fa-"It is-pardon me-this is the McGinty

"There's me crist," said she, with aristo-

crest i "Av coorse. What would I be doin' wid anny odther!" "Two bars?" asked he. It had two bars

argent on a shield sable. "Yis. Two bars," she said, annoyed. "Wan on Fourteenth street an' wan on Fifty third an' Sixth avency. Ye can see for yourself."

'And three lions?" "No lions at all What is it ye're tarkin." Them's buildings, Mike, Audy an' Pat. They're in the wood ched at me residence, an'

ye must know." He said no more, but filled the order with only a saving mo lification. Mrs. McGinty now has quite as a good a crest as anybody. but there is an old Dutch far ally up town that are strangely agitated. Envelopes long and loud are floating about the city with a crest strangely like that on the market gardener's boat of their uncestor of the Seventeenth cen tury, and upon the altar of American bullion they are sacrificed. - New York Times.



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What a Lady Physician Says in Defense of the So Called Fashionable Follies of Her Sex - Mistakes Which Men

"If an ultra fashionable young man and a maiden of the same kind, both in full walking costume, were to start from the Knickerbocker club house on Fifth avenue and race down to Delmonico's, which one would win?" was the question put by a prominent lady physician to a group of people who were talk ing about dress reforms, the derided skirt and

kindred topics the other day. Every one present gave up the conundrum, but they all agreed with the originator of it when she declared that the girl, not withstanding her veil, her close fitting gown, her bustle and her muf7, would win against the youth with his bat likely to fly off at the first rush, his collar choking him so that he could not Those who have any other idea should test it

by trial. "Dress reform!" exclaimed the frate little physician, who has gained a reputation as one of the best practitioners in the city. "The truth of the matter is that most women dress with as much regard to the laws of health as do the men. The former have reformed, the latter are degenerating, or how else do you account for the pointed shoes, the stays, the high collars and the stove pipe hats that men weart If woman in general is not so healthy as man, it is not on account of her clothes, of that I feel certain. But I am of the opinion that the women of New York are twice as healthy as the men.

"Go to the opera, to any church or assembly. What do you see? Men sallow and lean: men bald headed and pasty looking, or men so stout and unwieldy, so red and uncomfortable looking that it makes one uncomfortable to look at them. But you see five women out of every ten rosy and plump, erect in carriage, bright of eye, and altogether charmingly healthy. These are the so called fashionable women, whom Lady Habberton, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Miller, and s dozen other reformers are constantly crying down as ruining the future race and their

own health! "Of course there are many articles of wearing apparel that could be improved," she continued, "but the corsets, the bustle and skirts, against which the reformers and men are constantly crying out, are real blessings if only used properly, and the majority of women nowadays know how to wear them. Eighteen inch waists were considered necessary for beauty, slippers were worn on all the enormous head dresses and bonnets were

"How do the women of to-day dress better than their mothers and grandmothers?"

something atrocious."

queried a reporter present. "Well," said the little physician, "there is no reason why I should not be plain. In the first place, the old-fashioned chemise, with its multitude of gathers, has gone entirely out of fashion. Women who wear the garment at all have it made in the French fashion, with gores and seams, and as a consequence the corset, which is worn next to it, does not press the gathers and wrinkles about the waist and hips. But the majority of women wear the little gauze, flannel, cashmere or silk vests, which have come in of late years and are woven to fit the form, while not at all hampering it. For winter wear there are the combination garments of flannel made all H. J. Noite, Propr.

in one piece, and clothing one from neck to ankles most comfortably. "No, I will not admit that the corset of itself is injurious," said the lady, most energetically. "Brandy is injurious if one takes FIRST-CLASS LUNCRES, COFFEE, too much of it, but it is excellent in many cases. So it is with the corset. If of the proper kind and worn properly it is one of the greatest boons to womankind. The steelribbed corsets worn by some few, I will admit, are quite dreadful; but the woven and what is known as the health corset are most desirable. They are so yielding that they fit the form, and yet support and protect it. They are provided with shoulder straps, and all the skirts may be fastened to them or to one of the new skirt supporters worn over them. If a woman laces she generally suffers for her folly, as men do from smoking or drinking. But very few women lace nowadays. It is not the fashion to have an abnormally small waist, and I don't think it will

"But you must admit that the bustle is a most injurious and unhealthful article of

"Oh, no, never!" she exclaimed. "Bustles are the salvation of many women. Men have such erroneous ideas of many things. You LUNCH, A SMOKE, OR A GAME OF will admit that ten men to every one woman dies of some disease of the kidneys or liver. Yes! Well, then, women must thank the much abused bustle for keeping them free of such trouble. How? The bustle of wire, of steel, or of any of the light, airy materials of which it is now made, worn under the skirts, keeps the small of the back from becoming too heated, and consequently the circulation is better and the kidneys and liver healthier. The bustle also supports the skirts and holds the dress in such a fashion that walking and

running are made easier. The physician assured the reporter that few women wear more than two underskirts at this season of the year, "Our grand mothers were four and five, some of them of

quilted flannel, too, so we have reformed in that matter. "But of what value are the bonnets and hats worn by women?" said the gentleman who ran down the bustle. "They are trump

ery little things of lace and ribbon, and no protection whatever." "Go look in the mirror and see what your

sensible but that fits the head and keeps out the air' has done for you," exclaimed the stern lecturer. The gentleman obeyed and saw a head quite bald. "A hat or a bonnet should be an ornament,

not a protection. The hair is the natural covering for the head. Women realize this and keep their hair. Men go about puffed up with the importance of their superiority in wearing 'sensible hats' and get bald before they are 40; then they say it is brain work that does it!"-New York Journal.

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